

PATENT  
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to respond to this Office Action, making this Response due on February 9, 2004 (since February 7 is a Saturday).

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of the period to reply to the October 7, 2003 Office Action, *i.e.*, up to and including February 9, 2004 (since February 7, 2004 is a Saturday) is requested. Enclosed is check No. 030426 for the \$55.00 small entity fee under §1.17(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee or credit any additional payment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.